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## Notes from the Executive Secretary



## TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh McClimon

The South Carolina Young Farmer Association will hold its 40th annual convention on January 15-16, 1988 at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia. Special plans are being made to celebrate this significant occasion. All chapters should make arrangements to be represented with members, wives, award winners and advisors attending.

Beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, the general session will consist of a tour to Union Camp Corporation and Kensington Mansion at Eastover. Special provisions have been made for a tour inside through the production facilities. The group will assemble in the hotel lobby to board buses and depart at 1:15 p.m. Sponsors, contributors and exhibitors are invited to participate. Door prizes will be awarded during the trip to be concluded by 5:00 p.m. A reception has been scheduled for past state officers at 6:15 p.m. in the Columbia Ballroom IV. This will be a good opportunity to visit with longtime friends and renew acquaintances.

The banquet session at 7:00 p.m. will feature the presentation of district and state awards by sponsors of the various contests. A highlight will be the "return" of Doc Blakely, an outstanding speaker from Wharton, TX. Many of you will remember our first experience with Doc in 1980 at Hilton Head.

Our breakfast session is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to present other awards, recognition of contributors and exhibitors, and presentation of reports on the Summer Tour and National Institute. The convention will conclude with a business session and election of officers.

The attendance award will go to the chapter with the most members and wives attending all sessions.

Exhibits will be on display throughout the convention by sponsors and contributors for viewing and acquiring information.

Details about making reservations and securing tickets before the deadline may be obtained from advisors and chapter presidents.

## TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

A new record crowd of 24,800 FFA members, advisors and guests assembled in Kansas City, November 11-14, for the 60th National FFA Convention. South Carolina also had a new record attendance of recent years with 158 members and advisors attending. An exciting line of speakers including Vice President George Bush, Lee Iacocca, Roger Staubach, and Secretary of Education William Bennett inspired and motivated the enthusiastic crowd of FFA members. The mass of blue and gold FFA jackets from every state in the nation gave us the feeling of unity and pride in our great country. This issue of the magazine will feature many of the FFA members and chapters that received special recognition at the National Convention, and we congratulate them for their accomplishments.

National FFA Week will be celebrated February 14-21, the week of George Washington's birthday. Each chapter should participate in this event to bring special recognition to our organization. Let's join together to tell the successful story of vocational agriculture and the FFA organization.

Many experts are predicting a critical shortage of agricultural scientists, engineers, managers and other professional ag workers in the future. We need to get the message to our young people that there are many career opportunities in the broad industry of agriculture. We desperately need bright, positive, and energetic young people to learn the science and business of providing food, clothing and shelter for a growing world population.

### Cover Photo

A South Carolina delegation of 158 Future Farmers participated in the 60th National FFA Convention November 11-14 in Kansas City, Mo. Cover photograph shows many of those who attended this anniversary convention.

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# YF 40th Anniversary

## Young Farmers Meet in Columbia

### January 15-16

Presentation of awards in ten competitive categories will be a highlight of the 40th annual convention of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers January 15-16 at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia.

Special plans are being made to celebrate this significant occasion of the 40th anniversary of the SC Young Farmers, Marshall Flowers of Darlington, president, said. A reception for all past State YF Officers will be featured at 6:15 p.m. Friday afternoon, January 15 in Columbia Ballroom IV.

Registration will be at 11:30 Friday morning, and the opening session will get underway at 1:00 p.m. The afternoon session will feature a tour of Union Camp Corporation at Eastover and the nearby Kensington Mansion for young farmers, wives, contest sponsors, contributors and exhibitors.

Doc Blakely of Wharton, Texas, will be the banquet speaker during the session starting at 7:00 Friday night.

The banquet session will feature presentation of contest awards in corn, soybean, livestock production, forest management, energy efficiency, chapter, and Young Farmer of the Year contests.

Representatives of sponsoring firms who are scheduled to present awards include Doug Roberts of Sumter, DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics; Perry Mitchell of Millen, Ga., Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company; Steve Kruger of Augusta, Ga., ConAgra, Inc.; Bob Turton of Russellville, Georgia-Pacific Corporation; E.J. Tyson of Charlotte, N.C., Duke Power Company; Jim Loftis of Atlanta, Ga., Gold Kist, Inc.; and Maxey D. Love, Jr. of Columbia, chief executive officer of Farm Credit Banks of Columbia.

The guest speaker is being sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., and the S.C. Young Farmer Association.

Al Harman of Gilbert FFA Chapter, and president of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America, will bring greetings from SCFFA at the breakfast session, starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

The breakfast session will include presentation of membership and attendance awards, chapter president awards, outstanding service awards, and recognition of sponsors and contributors.

Hugh Weathers of Bowman, will present a report on the Young Farmer Summer Tour; and Joey Wilson of Chester, will report on the National Young Farmer Educational Institute.

SC Young Farmer officers who will preside during the convention include Marshall Flowers of Darlington, president; Archie Felder III of Bowman, president elect; and District Vice Presidents Watson Dorn of Saluda, Joey Wilson of Chester, Frankie Woodard of Darlington, Hugh Weathers of Bowman, and Rusty Darby of Chester. Hugh P. McClimon, State Supervisor of Agriculture Education, is serving as advisor to the association.

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# SCFFA Delegate To A.I.C. Becomes N.I.C.E. Trustee

Melissa Tyler of Loris, treasurer of SCFFA, has been elected an associate trustee of the National Institute on Cooperative Education, sponsored by the American Institute of Cooperatives.

Miss Tyler represented the South Carolina FFA as a delegate to AIC last August in St. Louis, Mo.

She was selected as one of the two Youth Associate Trustees for 1987-88, the other youth delegate, a young man from Indiana, John Lang.

Melissa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Tyler, Sr. of Loris, and is a member of the Loris FFA Chapter, Ben Hardee, chapter advisor.

Under the guidance of AIC, she will tour the U.S. during the year, making speeches and telling the cooperative story to large corporations, civic clubs, schools, etc. Already, she has made several appearances around the country, including a presentation to the 60th National FFA Convention last November in Kansas City, Mo. She will represent the AIC at cooperative programs, meet with some of America's top business leaders, serve on the AIC Youth Education Consulting Committee, and chair the youth sessions during the 1988 AIC convention in Rochester, N.Y.

Others attending last summer's institute from South Carolina included Lynn Martin of James F. Byrnes FFA Chapter at Duncan; G.P. Jones, Jr., advisor of the Byrnes Chapter, and J.T. Black of Greenville, executive secretary of the South Carolina Farmer Cooperative Council.

"Melissa's outstanding personality, drive, ambition and knowledge of co-operatives landed her the position as national trustee. She is a very impressive person who will represent all farmer cooperatives across America," Mr. Black said.

A 1986 graduate of Loris High School, she was active in a wide variety of FFA leadership and training activities, and participated in several high school organizational activities, including Beta, Science and Spanish Clubs. She also has been among high scoring individuals in national soil judging. She is now studying criminal justice at Horry Georgetown TEC, and finds time to work full time as a textile operator at Conway Mills.



J.T. Black of Greenville, executive secretary of the SC Farmer Cooperative Council, center is shown with Lynn Martin of James F. Byrnes FFA Chapter, left; and Melissa Tyler of Loris, SCFFA treasurer, the two delegates who represented SCFFA at the National Institute of Cooperative Education last Summer in St. Louis.

## Miss America: "Never Give Up"

"Perseverance and hard work pay off," Kay Lani Rae Rafko, Miss America of 1988, encouraged Future Farmers in an address to the National FFA Convention.

She explained that she has always worked hard for everything she has wanted. "Never give up. Goals are reachable and achievable if you want them bad enough," she said.

She recalled it took her six years to reach her goal of becoming Miss America.

She won her first title at age 17 when she entered a beauty contest that offered \$700, and "I needed that much for my tuition in nursing school," she said.

In continuing towards her goal, she

said, "there were times I thought of quitting, but there was determination inside me to keep working."

In a press conference shortly after her arrival in Kansas City, she said, "key factors in my success have been optimism and keeping the faith. I love people and enjoy working with people."

Asked how she felt about competing with other people, she shared her view that competition is with myself and not with the other person. "I learned in every pageant to compete with myself," she said.

When her year as Miss America is over, she will return to her nursing career. Her goals include obtaining a masters degree and managing a hospice someday.



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# S.C. Future Farmers Earn National Honors

South Carolina agriculture leaders, Future Farmers, and agricultural educators shared in national and regional awards during the 60th National FFA Convention activities November 11-14 in Kansas City, Mo.

Four Future Farmers were presented the American Farmer degree — the highest degree awarded to FFA members. Those receiving this honor included Ronald Graham of Aiken, Jeff Jones of Woodruff, David Staggs of Dorman, and Kenny Thompkins of Mullins. Each received a gold American Farmer key and a travel award to the National FFA Convention.

The honorary American Farmer degree was presented to John Parris of Columbia, executive director of the SC Land Resources Commission; and W.P. Lloyd of Walterboro, district consultant in agricultural education with the State Department of Education.

Darrell Ricketts, agricultural teacher and advisor to the Green Sea-Floyds FFA Chapter, was recognized as a regional finalist in the Agriscience Teacher of the Year award program.

Other Future Farmers receiving regional awards included Brian Clinkscales of Crescent FFA Chapter in Anderson County, diversified livestock production award; and Clayton Richardson of Brittons Neck Chapter, specialty animal production award.

National honors in Building Our American Communities (BOAC) went to Thurmond FFA Chapter in Edgefield County, Hugh M. Bland, agriculture teacher; Dorman FFA Chapter in Spartanburg County, F.M. Bridwell,

agriculture teacher; and Mullins FFA Chapter, James L. Bell, agriculture teacher. All received the BOAC Silver Emblem award.

Green Sea-Floyds FFA Chapter was honored with a gold emblem in national chapter safety award, and a silver emblem in the national chapter awards program.

National Chapter safety awards also went to Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter in Georgetown County, Carlin Munnerlyn, agriculture teacher, silver emblem; and Loris FFA Chapter, Ben Hardee, agriculture teacher, bronze emblem.

National FFA Chapter award winners also included Dorman FFA Chapter, F.M. Bridwell, agriculture teacher, silver emblem; and Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter, Carlin Munnerlyn, agriculture teacher, bronze emblem.

## Judging Contests

Six judging teams from South Carolina competed in national contests during the convention.

The various judging categories and the FFA Chapter and team members from South Carolina who participated, follow:

Agricultural Mechanics, Newberry FFA Chapter, Kenneth Chapman, agriculture teacher, and John Grubbs, James Derrick, Mark Blackmon, and Robert Greene, team members.

Forestry, Crescent FFA Chapter, John Herron, agriculture teacher, and Jody Cann, Todd Metz, and Andrew Wiles, team members.

Farm Business Management, Brittons Neck, Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher,

and Lloyd Richardson, Tyron Williams, and Kevin Richardson, team members.

Livestock Judging, Brittons Neck, Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher, and Aaron Reason, Ron Taylor, Jason Poston, and Scott Everett, team members.

Nursery/Landscape, Rock Hill, Susan Sanford, agriculture teacher, and Kyle Davis, Jeff Fisher, and Lisa Nichols, team members.

Floriculture, Rock Hill, Susan Sanford, agriculture teacher, and Rosemary Craig, Pam Leasure, and Sharon Mims, team members.

Official voting delegates from South Carolina who participated in business sessions included Al Harman of Gilbert, SCFFA president; and Bernard Hampton of Pendleton, SCFFA vice president. Other state officers participated as alternate delegates.

Dan Poston of Brittons Neck, past SCFFA president, was a candidate for national officer.

George Ulmer, Jr. of Cope took an active part in convention sessions as a member of the National FFA chorus which is considered a vital part and a highlight of convention activities. He also gave a special solo before the more than 22,000 audience.

South Carolina delegates also enjoyed having another of their members, Miss Melissa Tyler of Loris, SCFFA treasurer, speak to a capacity audience of Future Farmers in the huge Kansas City municipal auditorium. Miss Tyler addressed the convention as a youth associate trustee of the National Institute of Cooperative Education.



# **“FFA-- Agriculture's New Spirit” Captivates 60th National FFA Convention**

When the leaves of the woodlands of America are turning to various hues of orange, red, and yellow in the fall, the streets of downtown Kansas City, Mo., for four days in November, become a blue wave of FFA jackets. That's the time when 22,000 or more Future Farmers of America gather here for their annual National FFA Convention.

Here in the large Kansas City Municipal auditorium, 158 South Carolina Future Farmers joined thousands of FFA'ers from across the nation for the 60th National FFA Convention.

Filling every available seat and some standing, the large assemblage of students of vocational agriculture in high school released dynamic enthusiasm, cheers and applause as national speakers and youth leaders shared their talents, leadership, and knowledge with convention participants.

"The heartbeat of America is here in the center of America," one speaker observed.

**“FFA-AGRICULTURE'S NEW SPIRIT”**, billed as the theme of the 60th National FFA Convention appeared to increase in intensity as the convention program moved through four days of dynamic presentations and activities.

The convention blended presentations of numerous achievement awards and an array of national leaders and motivational speakers, punctuated by the intense enthusiasm of the conven-

tion program under the professional leadership of the youthful National FFA officers.

South Carolina delegates shared in the many convention competitive awards. These were presented in recognition of top achievement in numerous activities conducted as a part of their vocational agricultural programs in high school. The convention itself highlighted some of the outstanding examples of leadership and development of agricultural careers being taught in

the many vocational agricultural education programs across the nation.

In Kansas City, amid the thousands of "blue jackets", the official FFA dress, the South Carolina delegates enjoyed an opportunity to exchange information and ideas with their counterparts from all over the United States.

The convention got underway with vesper services Wednesday night, November 11 in the KC municipal auditorium.



South Carolina delegates participated in a wide variety of activities featured in the convention program including the many exhibits in the National Agricultural Career Show in Bartle Hall.



"With FFA, you are building a strong foundation for the rest of your life," Roger Staubach, former Dallas Cowboys' quarterback, said as keynote speaker at the opening session Thursday morning. "With a strong foundation you can take the ups and downs of life....You must possess that strong foundation.....and keep a spiritual and leadership commitment," he continued.

Featured speakers during the convention also included Vice President George Bush; U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett; Dr. Bonnie Guiton, assistant secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education; John Block, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas; and Lee Iacocca of Chrysler Corporation.



**South Carolina Congressman Butler Derrick, Jr., congratulates Mitchell Yonce on the Thurmond FFA Chapter's award-winning work in the 1987 Building Our American Communities program.**

The enthusiasm and excitement of the convention continued to linger with the South Carolina delegation as they flew home Saturday evening. "The enthusiasm and new spirit of agriculture were great. I received a lot of good ideas from the speakers and national officers who did a good job," many of those attending said as they reflected on the activities and excellence of the convention program.

Most of those attending the convention won expense-paid trips as winners in individual and chapter awards.



**Two recipients of the American Farmer Degree above, include, left to right, Kenneth B. Thompkins of Mullins FFA Chapter, and Jeffrey Paul Jones of Woodruff FFA Chapter. Others who received the degree, not shown, included David Warren Staggs of Dorman FFA Chapter in Spartanburg, and Ronald Gene Graham of Aiken FFA Chapter.**



**Courtesy Corps members receive briefing before going on duty around the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium during convention sessions.**



**Forestry Judging Team members from Crescent FFA Chapter include, left to right, Jody Cann, Todd Metz, and Andrew Wiles, team members; and John Herron, advisor.**



# SC Future Farmers Compete for National Awards



The Brittons Neck Farm Business Management team is shown above. They include left to right, Lloyd Richardson II, Tyron Williams, Jerry Pace, advisor, Kevin Richardson, and Byron Williams, team members.



Members of the Brittons Neck Livestock Judging Team who competed in the national livestock judging include, left to right, Aaron Reason, Ron Taylor, Jason Poston, Scott Everett, and Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher at Brittons Neck, and team advisor.



National Safety awards went to three South Carolina FFA Chapters. Recipients of the awards for their respective chapters include, left to right, Donald Black and Travis Causey of Green Sea-Floyds Chapter, gold emblem; Gennie Lou Capps and Sonya Ard of Pleasant Hill, silver emblem; and Kevin Bellamy and Jeff Gore of Loris, bronze emblem.



Future Farmers who received National Chapter awards for their respective FFA Chapter, shown above, include, left to right, Shane Bulman and Patrick Settle of Dorman FFA Chapter, silver emblem; Floyd Elliott of Green Sea-Floyds Chapter, silver emblem; Ray Owens of Pleasant Hill Chapter, Gennie Lou Capps and Janice Moody of Pleasant Hill, bronze emblem.



Building Our American Community awards went to three SCFFA Chapters. FFA members receiving the honor for their respective chapter include, left to right, Kevin Mims and Jacob Smith of Thurmond, silver emblem; Patrick Settle and Shane Bulman of Dorman, silver emblem; and Bill McDaniels and Caleb Moore of Mullins, silver emblem.



Darrell W. Ricketts, agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Green Sea-Floyds High School, Nichols, was honored as one of the 12 Regional winners in the Agriscience Teacher of the Year award program. The award was presented by National FFA President Kevin Eblen of Creston, Iowa.





One of the largest SCFFA delegations ever to attend a National FFA Convention found the dynamic convention program educational and enjoyable. Homeward bound, they reflected upon the many things learned in the four-day convention program as they returned home. That's all there is—or was it—as the luggage conveyor came by empty after the first load of baggage came in on arrival at Columbia Metropolitan Airport.





# FFA Fair Exhibitors



Crescent FFA Chapter students showing livestock at the Anderson Fair include, left to right, front row, Chris Cann, Glenn Latham, Chad Lawrence, Jeff Carnes, and Andy Latham. Standing back row, Travis Green, Shannon Hall, Jeff Jones, William Ayers, and Scott Drake.



Enthusiastic Future Farmers who carried exhibits to the Lower Greenville County Fair are shown above. They include, left to right, Brian Williams, Steven Davis and Tyson Waddell of Byrnes FFA Chapter; Ricky Gammage of Dorman FFA Chapter; Larry Davis, Haskel Sexton, and Reggie Kitchen of Byrnes FFA Chapter; and Julia Jones of Woodruff FFA Chapter who owns the entry she is holding.



Several of the award winners in the Anderson Fair include left to right, Kim McMullan, the T. Ellas McGee Scholarship of \$300; Kevin Simpson, Anderson County Fair Scholarship of \$200 for Showmanship, and Brian Clinkscales, best in fitting and showmanship, who won a trip to the National FFA Convention.



Stewart Peden of Hillcrest FFA Chapter, above, has layers as his FFA Supervised farming program. He showed the grand champion last year at the Lower Greenville Fair, and is shown holding his entry in this year's fair.



Patrick Hellett of Hillcrest FFA Chapter, is shown with his giant-sized watermelon entry in the Lower Greenville Fair.



Clyde Hughes, eighth grade student, plans to have bees in his supervised farming program when he enrolls in vocational agriculture next year at Hillcrest High School. He is shown above seated by his bee exhibit at the Lower Greenville Fair as he discusses bee culture with visitors to his exhibit.



Harry Rodgers of Hillcrest FFA Chapter, is shown with his senior heifer calf which he showed in the Lower Greenville Fair.



# W.P. Lloyd Receives Honors

The past year brought special honors to Walter P. Lloyd of Walterboro, district consultant of agricultural education.

A special highlight was the presentation of the Honorary American Farmer degree by the National Future Farmers of America last November during the 60th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

The Honorary American Farmer degree is the highest honorary award presented by the National Future Farmers of America. Selection for this degree is based upon an individual's support and contribution to the Future Farmers of America and vocational agriculture in their respective local communities, state, and nation.

Last July, at the annual agricultural teachers' banquet in Columbia, Mr. Lloyd was honored for 30 years of service in agricultural education, first as an agriculture teacher, and in recent years as district consultant in agricultural education. The 30-year service award was sponsored by the Farm Credit Service in Columbia.

During his 30-year career, Mr. Lloyd has been presented several awards and citations. He received the Teacher of Teachers' Silver Award in 1970, Thirty Minute Club Award in 1976, Distinguished Service in Agricultural Education in 1977 and 1982, and Certificate of Appreciation from SC Vocational Association in 1976. He served as president of the SC Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association during 1975-76.

A native of Eastover, he attended Webber Elementary and Junior High School, and was graduated from Mayo High School at Darlington. He received his B.S. degree in agricultural education from S.C. State College, Orangeburg in 1957, and his Masters of Education degree in 1963.

A veteran of the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers which included 19 months in England in the 817th Engineer Aviation Battalion.

He went to Colleton County as agriculture teacher at Ruffin High School in 1957, and began work with the S.C. Department of Education in 1975 as district consultant in agricultural education where he still serves in that position.

He was a member of the first V-TECS catalog writing team for small engines teaching manual used in small engine workshops and vocational agricultural courses taught in local schools. He

served as a member of the farm mechanics writing team in preparing teaching materials for the State Department of Education and Clemson Univer-

sity Media Center.

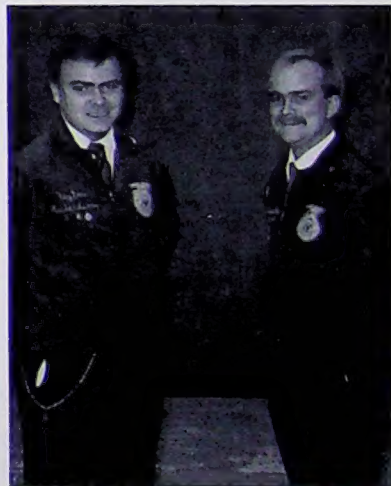
Mr. Lloyd also serves as a commissioner of the Colleton Conservation District.



The Honorary American Farmer degree was presented to Walter P. Lloyd of Walterboro, district consultant in agricultural education, center; and John Parris of Columbia, executive director of the S.C. Land Resources Commission, right. Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, left, offers congratulations just after the awards were presented by the National FFA officers.



Melissa Tyler of Loris, SCFFA treasurer, carried the South Carolina flag in the massing of State flags during the convention.



Regional Agricultural Proficiency awards were presented to Clayton Richardson of Brittons Neck Chapter for specialty animal production; and Brian Clinkscales of Crescent FFA Chapter, diversified livestock production.



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